



Gateway Gazette

Contest winners exhibit artwork at Gateway Arch



Winners of the art contest, *The Gateway Arch: A Child's Perspective*, stand in front of the exhibit featuring their artwork. Standing with them, from left to right are JEFF Superintendent, Peggy O'Dell, Metro Senior Vice President of Business Enterprises, Jennifer Nixon, and JNPA Executive Director, David Grove.

A special award ceremony and reception recognized the talent of 13 young artists who were finalists in the art contest, *The Gateway Arch: A Child's Perspective*. The ceremony and reception, held in the lobby of the Gateway Arch, accompanied the opening of an exhibit featuring artwork by the contest winners.

Finalists were chosen from three age categories; 5-8 years-old, 9-13 years-old, and 14 to 18 years-old. Placing in the 5-8 year-old category were Mikala Ramey, first place for her piece titled, "We all live together;" Tam Nguyen, second place for her piece titled, "The Arch;" Jackie Smith, third place for her piece titled, "Sun Set at the Gateway

Arch;" and Chelsea Hudson, honorable mention for an untitled piece.

Winners in the 9-13 year-old category were Emily Forsythe, first place for her piece titled, "Mr. Enormous;" Emily Goodwin, second place for her piece titled, "That was then, this is now;" N'dea Collins-Whitfield, third place for her piece titled, "Native Americans of the Soul;" Nayvitd Rodriguez and Japheel Ledguise, shared honorable mention for collaborating on their piece, "Doorway of Hope-Arch of Hope."

In the 14 to 18 year-old category were Patrick Lehnhoff, first place for his piece, "The Arch Arched;" Cristal Cosey, second place for her piece,

"Essence of St. Louis;" Alba Stavri, third place for her piece, "America's Gateway;" and My-Chau Nguyen, honorable mention for her piece, "St. Louis in a box."

The contest was sponsored by Jefferson National Expansion Memorial and its partners, Jefferson National Parks Association and Metro. The reception and exhibit opening were part of a day's events celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Gateway Arch. More than two hundred students from Illinois and Missouri submitted artwork to the contest.



Education Notes

Welcome to the New Year! We always like this time of year, with everyone having high hopes for the future, whether it be the whole year or the next semester. We at the Education Department are no different. The park was a busy place last year. We look forward to an equally exciting year in 2006.

We are looking forward to the African-American Heritage series in February, culminating with the 149th commemoration of the Dred Scott Decision in early March. The third week of April we celebrate National Parks, with the theme "Connecting Our Children to America's National Parks." Let us know how we can connect your children and our park. Perhaps it is with the on-site Junior Ranger Program or with the on-line Webrangers.

Monument to the Dream, our Academy Award nominated documentary, now has a fantastic companion ready for you and your students to experience. The hands-on kit, available at our information desk, provides historical information, career education, and experiential learning. Reserve your kit for your next visit downtown.

Ranger-led programs continue to be great experiences for all ages at any time of the year. As the civic center of St. Louis in the 1800s, the Old Courthouse housed the revenue collector for local taxes, the license office for obtaining important permissions, and the courtrooms where immigrants obtained citizenship. Come experience some of these lessons in civic education and learn how the rights and responsibilities of a citizen translate in any era.

Our next newsletter will precede the Lewis and Clark Final Signature Event, *Currents of Change*. The Bicentennial Commemoration has provided us the fantastic opportunity to look at St. Louis two hundred years ago. Please contact us if you would like to be a part of our Signature Event School Day on September 22, 2006, or take part in our teacher workshop on June 15, 2006, looking at the Native Americans Lewis and Clark encountered and how those tribes are remembering the Corps of Discovery.

As always, thank you for Exploring your National Parks!

Celebrate National Parks Week 2006

Connecting Our Children To America's National Parks

The theme for National Parks Week 2006 will be "Connecting Our Children to America's National Parks." Young National Park enthusiasts can participate by completing the Junior Ranger Program at Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JEFF) or on the NPS WebRangers website.

The Junior Ranger program is offered for young visitors at National Park Service (NPS) sites across the country. Participants in JEFF's Junior Ranger Program receive a

Junior Ranger badge after completing a series of activities about the Gateway Arch, Old Courthouse, or both. The booklet can be completed in approximately thirty minutes. Visit JEFF and ask an NPS ranger for a Junior Ranger booklet.

For young visitors who cannot travel to JEFF or other NPS sites, the NPS WebRangers website offers educational activities about National Parks, Monuments, and Historic Sites. Visit www.nps.gov/webrangers.

National Park Service Week is April 22-30, 2006.



Flat Stanley visits JEFF

He has interned in the White House, surveyed the Parisian landscape from the Eiffel Tower, and orbited 4.6 million miles in the Space Shuttle Discovery. He can now add St. Louis and the Gateway Arch to his passport. We are not talking about a distinguished politician, a well-traveled tourist, or a renowned astronaut, but rather a boy. Flat Stanley, the beloved children's character created by author Jeff Brown, recently paid a visit to Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JEFF).

According to Brown's story, Stanley was sleeping in his bed when a bulletin board from his wall fell onto him, leaving him paper-thin. In one of his adventures, Stanley wanted to visit a friend in California, but could not afford a plane ticket. Rather than pay several hundred dollars for the ticket, Stanley put himself in an envelope and traveled to his friend for the price of a single postage stamp. Today, teachers from every corner of the nation use Flat Stanley to bring the world into the classroom. Each student makes his or her own Stanley, mails him to different historical and cultural destinations, and receives pictures and information



Flat Stanley holds court at the Old Courthouse

about the site in the following weeks.

Kayla, a 4th grade student from Tucson, AZ, was one such student who recently sent her Flat Stanley to JEFF. Education Volunteer Mark Dudley showed Stanley the around the Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse. When Stanley returned home, he had pictures to show of his adventures and many stories to tell of the snowy day he spent at JEFF.



Written by Mark Dudley, Education Department Volunteer. Dudley is a senior at Westminster Christian Academy in Creve Coeur, MO.



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The Jefferson National Expansion Memorial commemorates the people, places, and events involved in America's Westward Expansion during the nineteenth century. The Gateway Arch and Old Courthouse symbolize St. Louis' role as "The Gateway to the West" during the 1800s.

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Exhibit explores creative spirit of Gateway Arch architect

Raised in a creative environment by parents who were artists, Eero Saarinen grew into a daring architect whose designs were heralded as being on the cutting edge of his profession by the 1950s. Trained in sculpture, Saarinen incorporated artistic features so exacting that teams of specialized engineers and builders were required to help make his designs a reality.

A special exhibit entitled "The Creative Spirit of Eero Saarinen," traces Saarinen's upbringing, artistic influences, and architectural achievements. The exhibit includes works of art by the Saarinen family, original drawings and plans of structures, unusual building materials used by Saarinen, and designs from the 1947 architectural competition which resulted in the building of the Arch.



Unfortunately, Saarinen never lived to see the Arch completed. His untimely death cut short a promising career, but many of his designs, including the Gateway Arch, continue to be admired as being among the most notable structures ever built.

The exhibit is on display at the Gateway Arch through July 16, 2006. Admission is free.



African American Heritage series 2006

During the month of February, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial (JEFF) will host a series of free programs and presentations highlighting the roles of African Americans in American history.

The series begins when Company A-10th Memorial Cavalry Buffalo Soldiers rides into town. A favorite of students and teachers, the Buffalo Soldiers use living history techniques to present the important role of all-black units of the U.S. Army on the American frontier.

Harriet Tubman will also pay a visit. Through song and story, historic reenactors will tell of Tubman's life as an abolitionist and Underground Railroad conductor.

The Underground Railroad will also be featured in the stories of Bobby Norfolk. Norfolk starred in the Emmy Award-winning television series "Gator Tales," and brings energy and life to the story of Henry "Box" Brown.

Historian Eric Robinson will also talk about The Underground Railroad during the 1850s, followed by a genealogy workshop with the St. Louis Public Library and Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Reenactor Gregory Carr will portray mountain man Jim Beckwourth in *The Adventures of Jim Beckwourth: African-American Frontiersman*.

See page four for dates and times.

Programs and events at JEFF

For more information about programs and events at JEFF, call (314) 655-1600. All programs to take place at either the Old Courthouse (OCH) or Museum of Westward Expansion (MWE). All programs are free to the public unless noted.

African American Heritage Series 2006

February 2, 3 & 4

Buffalo Soldiers (MWE)

February 10 & 11

Meet Harriet Tubman (MWE)

February 17

Underground Railroad (OCH)

February 18

Underground Railroad; Dred Scott Trial; genealogy workshop (OCH)

February 24 & 25

Adventures of Jim Beckwourth: African-American Frontiersman (MWE)

March 4

149th Anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision (OCH)

Flag Day Ceremonies

June 14

Garrison Flag Raising Program & Naturalization Ceremony (OCH)

Scout Badge Workshops

April 17

American Heritage: Boy Scouts (reservations required)

June 7

Law: Boy Scouts (reservations required)

June 8

Law and Order: Cadette Girl Scouts (reservations required)

June 9

Heritage Hunt: Cadette Girl Scouts (reservations required)

National Library Week

April 10 - 15

Missouri Read MORE: *Messages from My Father*, by Calvin Trillan

2006 St. Louis Storytelling Festival

Call (314) 516-5948 or e-mail dianar@umsl.edu for reservations.

May 4, 5, & 6

Sparks by the River: Keepers of the Dream

National Parks Week 2006

Connecting Our Children to America's National Parks

April 22-30

River City Music Days Concert Series

Call (314) 982-3048 for more information.

June 12

Barnwell Middle School Choir concert (OCH)

Spring 2006 Teacher Workshop Call (314) 655-1635 for reservations.

June 14

Lewis & Clark: Encounters

Celebrating 229 years of American Independence

July 1

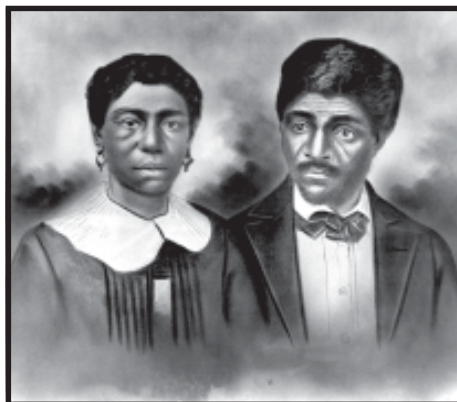
Naturalization Ceremony (OCH)

July 4

Victorian 4th of July (OCH)

The Dred Scott Decision, 149th Anniversary

As an extension of the African-American Heritage series, Jefferson National Expansion Memorial will commemorate the anniversary of the Dred Scott Decision on Saturday, March 4, 2006, at the Old Courthouse. National Park Service rangers will lead a special trial reenactment related to the case, author Dr. John Wright will lecture on how St. Louis' black community viewed the case, and Wendy Dyer from the Eugene Field House will make a presentation about Scott's attorney, Roswell Field.



Harriet and Dred Scott, based on an engraving from *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, June 27, 1857.

11:00 a.m.

Dred Scott mock trial, Ranger program

12:00 p.m.

Dr. John Wright, discussion & book signing

1:00 p.m.

Wendy Dyer, lecture

2:00 p.m.

Genealogy workshop

3:00 p.m.

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